

**Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee  
Hilton Hotel  
Jackson, MS  
Minutes**

**July 12, 2001**

**MTAC Members Present:**

Hugh Gamble, M.D.  
David Cook, R.N.  
Wells Wilson, M.D.  
John Nelson, M.D.  
John Cook, M.D.  
John Lucas, M.D.  
William T. Avara, M.D.  
Bob McDonald  
John Braham, M.D.  
Jerry Green  
Marshall Tucker  
Charles Piggott, M.D.  
Robert Galli, M.D.  
Christine Weiland, R.N.  
Lucy Cumbest, R.N.

**MTAC Members Not Present:**

Brennett Lyles, R.N., REMT-P  
Rodney Frothingham, M.D.

**EMS Staff Present:**

Jim Craig  
Keith Parker  
Fran Dickie  
Austin Banks  
Jonathan Chaney  
Dave Kuchta  
Jim Wadlington  
Ricky Bogan  
David Buchanan

**Others Present:**

Janice Conerly  
Erin Granberry

**I. Call to Order:**

- A. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gamble at 1:00 p.m.
- II Adoption of Minutes:**

- A. Minutes from March 1, 2001 MTAC meeting were adopted by acclamation.

**III Introductions:**

Introduction of Mr. Jim Wadlington, RN as the new trauma nurse coordinator for the Delta, North, and Central Trauma Care Regions.

**IV Reports:**

Regional reports given by the MTAC regional representatives for each trauma care region.

**V Old Business:**

No old business was discussed.

**V. New Business:**

A. Director's Report

1. Mr. Craig discussed the upcoming regional workshops for trauma plan development.

B. Regional Medical Control

1. Mr. Kuchta discussed a proposal to change existing trauma care regulations to include medical control as a requirement for trauma care regions.
2. No action was taken on this issue.

C. Increased Administration Funds for Medical Control

1. Mr. Craig discussed the possibility of increasing the administrative funds for each trauma care region to offset potential additional costs associated with medical direction.
2. This issue was tabled.

D. Statewide Communication System

1. Mr Carter discussed a proposal for a state-wide satellite-based communication system. The proposal would provide satellite communication for each trauma center and prehospital provider at a total cost of \$1,532,250.
2. Dr. Gamble recommended to pursue legislative avenues for funding a state-wide communication system. All MTAC members present concurred with this recommendation.

E. Web-based Trauma System Status Program

1. Mr. Craig discussed a proposal to purchase/develop a web-based trauma system status program so that trauma centers can maintain a current status on the availability of services within each trauma centers. The cost of this program would be less than \$10,000.
2. This proposal was approved by the MTAC members.

F. RFP - Statewide CPA Contract for TCTF Reimbursement

1. Mr. Chaney discussed a proposal to send out a RFP to Mississippi CPA firms to consolidate the uncompensated care reimbursement process. This would be for a three year contract and would relieve the Regions from this budget expense.
2. After discussion by MTAC members, a motion to support this proposal was made by Dr. Lucas and seconded by Dr. Galli. Motion was passed unanimously.

G. Policy for Counties requesting to change Trauma Care Regions

1. Mr. Parker discussed a proposed policy for counties that wish to change from one trauma care region to another trauma care region.
2. Counties must provide detail documentation stating why the request is being made. Each affected trauma care region must be in concurrence. The State Health Officer has final authority for re-alignment of trauma care regions.
3. After discussion, the policy was approved unanimously by the MTAC members.

H. Jasper County Request to Change Trauma Care Regions

1. Jasper County submitted a request to move from the East Central Trauma Care Region to the Southeast Trauma Care Region.

2. Jasper County has met all requirements of the Policy for Counties requesting change of Trauma Care Regions.
  3. Request was approved by the MTAC members unanimously.
- I. Reimbursement Cycle Change
1. Mr. Craig discussed a proposal to change the reimbursement cycle from a calendar year cycle to the State fiscal-year cycle with disbursement occurring in December rather than June.
  2. The first year would be a 6-month transition cycle then become a full 12-month fiscal year cycle.
  3. After discussion from the MTAC members, questions regarding the availability of the TCTF remained and it was decided to table the discussion until clarification could be made regarding TCTF availability.
- J. Funding levels for Trauma Centers
1. Dr. Gamble discussed the possible need to reimburse trauma centers based on the level of designation.
  2. After discussion by the MTAC members, Dr. Gamble asked DEMS staff to work with Horne CPA Group and present alternative funding levels for trauma centers at the next MTAC meeting.
- K. 2000 Trauma Care Trust Fund Distribution Report
1. Mr. Craig discussed the 2000 Trauma Care Trust Fund Report.
  2. Each MTAC member was given a copy of the report.
  3. No further discussion.
- L. Trauma Fund Financial Report FY-2001
1. Mr. Craig presented the expenditure report for the first nine months of FY-2001
- M. Horne CPA Reimbursement Report
1. Ms. Granberry discussed the FY-2001 Disbursement Report and recommended changes to the Reimbursement Guidelines
  2. Report and changes was approved unanimously.
- N. Trauma Care System Public Relations Campaign Rollout
1. Ms. Wessman presented the Department's Trauma Care System public relations campaign.

- O. MTAC entered into confidential session to discuss the Regional Medical Center in Memphis' trauma center inspection.
  - 1. MTAC voted to approve the Regional Medical Center in Memphis as a Level I Trauma Center.
  - 2. This report was sent to the State Health Officer for the final decision.

**VI Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.